



Date: August 24, 1981  
To: J. G. Kaufman  
From: E. L. Cambridge  
Subject: Failed Potlining Disposal/Reclamation

Mr. Sam Patterson of Alcan informed me today, that they agree to proceed, as proposed, with a preliminary joint study to review available technology and define each company's individual needs for an environmentally safe disposal/recovery system for spent potlinings. It is proposed that this study be carried out under a secrecy agreement.

Mr. Patterson indicated that Alcan would anticipate committing 3 - 4 senior people to the project. For our part, I recommend we assign the following people:

Dave Moran - Project Leader, Anaconda  
John Snodgrass - Research Engineer  
Bill Stern - Research Consultant  
Jim Yeager - Manager, Environmental Health & Safety

Although I have not discussed specifics with Alcan, I would propose that the scope of this study encompass the following areas:

1. Identification of each company's specific requirements relating to potlining disposal.
2. Identification of general industry needs in this area, with Anaconda formulating an assessment of the U. S. situation and Alcan formulating an assessment of the Canadian and International situation.
3. Review and assessment of available technologies.
4. Formulation of specific recommendations for a program to economically meet each company's requirements.

Based on the specific recommendations of the preliminary study, each company would then have to decide whether to continue with a joint development program as outlined in my letter of July 7, 1981.

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Stan Becker is preparing a draft secrecy agreement to cover the mutual disclosure of technological information. Upon receipt, I will send this to Alcan for their consideration.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "E. L. Cambridge".

E. L. CAMBRIDGE

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